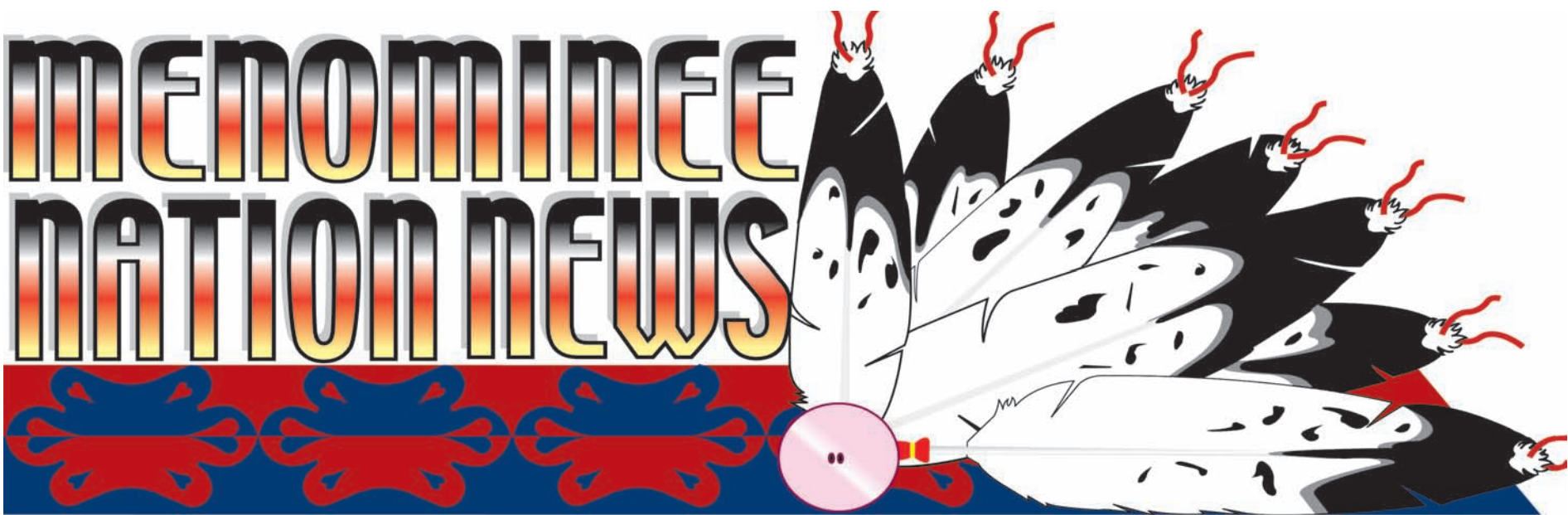


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Special General Council set to review the Menominee Constitution & Bylaws

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During the August 4, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Menominee Tribal Legislature, a motion was made to hold a Special General Council to review the Menominee Constitution & Bylaws.

The meeting will take place at the Menominee Indian High School on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at 9 a.m. Tribal member attendance is encouraged.

Now is the time to voice your opinion. However, please keep in mind this is a review session only. Recommendations *may* lead to possible amendments, but are not guaranteed.

New categories draw top dancers and singers during 39th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow



R. Penass/Menominee Nation News

The Veteran's of the Menominee Nation proudly led the first Grand Entry of the 39th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow on Friday, August 5, 2005.

Steven Price
Menominee Nation News

The Menominee Fairgrounds was once again alive with activity on Friday, August 5, 2005 as dancers, singers and spectators all set up camp and began preparing for the first Grand Entry of the 38th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow-wow. Dancers and singers spent much of the morning and after-

noon registering for the competition dancing that would be the main highlight for the weekend of August 5th, 6th and 7th.

Over all Friday night's Grand Entry was the most popular event in Keshena. Countless Dancers entered the historic Woodland Bowl to the sweet sounds of this years host drum Snake Island from Sarnia, Ontario Canada. Hundreds of dancers from all over were led in by several Veterans groups, and head vet-

eran dancer Apesanahkwat followed by head dancers; Jerry Hawpetoss and Myrna Warrington. As a special honor, Miss Indian World Cassie Thomas of the Seneca Nation was also in attendance along with all of the hometown and other visiting royalty.

See **Powwow** on pg. 2

Gas pumps closer to reality



R. Penass/MNN

Construction is underway for the Menominee Gas Station to be located by the Menominee Public Transportation Building in Keshena across the street from the Casino. The project is a little behind schedule but is planned to open in Mid September.



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Friday night's invocation was provided by Apesanahkwat and The Menominee Nation Chairman Michael Chapman addressed the dancers, singers and spectators and welcomed all to the 38th annual Powwow.

This years Powwow Committee decided to do something different for the Annual Powwow and add both southern singing and dancing categories to the line up. It was this decision that drew in such big name drums as Southern Boyz, Whitetail, and Cozad. Along with these drums many fantastic Southern dancers from many different states as far away as Los Angeles, California decided to make the journey with hopes of taking home prize money. All in all there were 16 drum groups on hand to provide songs from all over Native America. Out of the 16 drums, 14 went head to head in contest. This made way for some of the most beautiful music and finest dancing ever seen in the beautiful Woodland Bowl. Top prize for this years singing competition was \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, \$2,000 for third place, \$1,000 for fourth place and \$500 for fifth. Returning for a fourth year was three time first place winner Midnite Express from Minneapolis, Minnesota with hopes of returning with another first place title in hand. However, with the following drum groups on hand it would not be such an easy job to do.

Northern:

Bear Creek from Sault St. Marie Ontario, Canada, Midnite Express from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Straight Across from Green Bay, Wisconsin, Leech Lake from Minnesota, Buffalo Creek from DePere, Wisconsin, L.C.O. Badgers from Hayward, Wisconsin, Eagle Feather from Tama, Iowa, Cumberland singers from Cumberland, Wisconsin

Southern:

Southern Boyz from Geronimo, Oklahoma, Whitetail from Macy, Nebraska, Cozad from Anadarko, Oklahoma, Ho-Chunk Nation from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and Thunderbear from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Also providing songs were two area drums Five Clan from Keshena, Wisconsin and Smokeytown from Zoar, Wisconsin, however both were not in competition.

Along with the competition singing there was also a special Memorial contest organized by the family of the late Royal Warrington. This contest was held separate from the powwows contest and all drums were entered for a chance to win top prize of \$3,000 and a Memorial Drum which was built in honor of Royal Warrington.

Friday evening, also showcased the Menominee Nation Princess contest. Each contestant participated in several events which consisted of an Essay competition, interview competition, public speaking competition, Fundraising competition and dance competition. Upon completion of all the events judges tallied up all the scores to determine this years winner.

After the results were in, it was official and this years new 2005-2006 Miss Menominee Nation Princess was Kylene Denny of Keshena, WI. First Runnerup was Rose Peters of Keshena, WI. Junior Miss Menominee Nation was Natasha Tomow of Keshena, WI and 1st runner up was Maria Webster of Keshena. Also competing for Junior Miss was Appolonia Gomez of Keshena, WI and Tasha Komanekin of Keshena, WI.

Saturday proved to be one of the best and busiest days of the three. Having started out with the Annual Powwow Walk/Run, which showcased 50 runners and walkers participating. Grand entry was also much like Friday night's having been packed with many great dancers from all over. In between both sessions the Menominee Bingo Casino Hotel provided the food for this years feast and many in attendance were very grateful having worked up a hearty appetite after a day of hard dancing and singing. Hometown drum Smokeytown also provided a home cooked feast for the drummers that consisted of boil dinner, fry bread, soda and

chips.

The Menominee Tribal Day Care sponsored a Tiny Tot Special on Saturday. This showcased the regalia that was made by the Day Care Families.

Dennis Troha and representatives from the Mohegan Tribe from Connecticut were honored Saturday evening for their involvement in the Kenosha Project. A special honor song was presented in their honor. Among some of the gifts they received was a pendelton blanket. The 2nd Annual Sober 49 was held on Friday and Saturday night. This proved to be successful last year, so it was offered again this year. It provided fun and entertainment without the use of drugs and alcohol for those who attended. Maehnowesekiyah sponsored this event.

Sunday morning came and many dancers were waking to the smells of all the food vendors preparing the days food, and it got many people ready for the final day of competition. Grand entry went as smooth as the previous three and it looked as though this years Menominee Contest powwow could be called a true success.

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